

The Gift Worth Waiting For Part 2

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15 (NKJV)

Waiting reveals the level of our maturity and the depth of our devotion!

How do you respond when what you are getting is not what you expected?

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. Luke 2:36-38 (NKJV)

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We're rooting for the truth to win out in you. We couldn't possibly do otherwise. We don't just put up with our limitations; we celebrate them, and then go on to celebrate every strength, every triumph of the truth in you. We pray hard that it will all come together in your lives.

2 Corinthians 13:8-9 (MSG)

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Luke 2:37 (NKJV)

*All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. **But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within.** We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. **That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.**²⁶⁻²⁸ **Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along.** If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for*

*us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. **That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.** Romans 8:22-28 (MSG)*

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When were the last time you got excited about God's plan for your life even when it did not make any sense to you at all?

Don't allow that which you cannot explain to nullify that which you need to believe.

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But me, I'm not giving up. I'm sticking around to see what God will do. I'm waiting for God to make things right. I'm counting on God to listen to me. Micah 7:7 (MSG)